

SUBJECT: EUROPEAN BRIEF [REDACTED] FOR 14 JUNE 1990

[REDACTED] YUGOSLAVIA: OPPOSITION PRESSING FOR SERBIAN ELECTION [REDACTED]

SERBIAN ANTI-COMMUNISTS YESTERDAY STAGED A MOSTLY PEACEFUL MASS DEMONSTRATION IN BELGRADE DEMANDING SERBIAN REPUBLIC PRESIDENT MILOSEVIC SCHEDULE A FREE ELECTION THIS YEAR. POLICE LATER IN THE DAY, HOWEVER, USED TRUNCHEONS TO DISPERSE SMALL GROUPS OF DEMONSTRATORS GATHERED AROUND A TELEVISION STATION. VUK DRASKOVIC, LEADER OF THE ULTRANATIONALIST SERBIAN RENEWAL MOVEMENT, AND OTHER OPPOSITION LEADERS DELIVERED A PETITION TO THE FEDERAL LEGISLATURE CALLING FOR A CONSTITUTIONAL ROUNDTABLE BETWEEN OPPOSITION AND COMMUNIST LEADERS. SERBIAN AUTHORITIES CONTINUE TO INSIST AN ELECTION BE DELAYED UNTIL AFTER THE NEW SERBIAN CONSTITUTION IS ADOPTED NEXT YEAR. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] MILOSEVIC PROBABLY WILL SOON GIVE IN TO THE GROWING POPULAR PRESSURE FOR AN EARLY MULTIPARTY ELECTION, SEEING THAT A CRACKDOWN ON THE OPPOSITION OR OTHER RESISTANCE WOULD FURTHER JEOPARDIZE HIS ELECTORAL CHANCES. DRASKOVIC'S SERBIAN RENEWAL MOVEMENT, WHICH ADVOCATES RESTORATION OF A "GREATER SERBIA" OUTSIDE THE YUGOSLAV FEDERATION, HAS BEEN ENCOURAGED BY RECENT ELECTIONS OF NATIONALIST PARTIES IN SLOVENIA AND CROATIA AND BY GROWING DISCONTENT IN SERBIA OVER THE DETERIORATING ECONOMY. HIS EMERGENCE AS THE COMMUNISTS' MOST SERIOUS RIVAL PORTENDS A CAMPAIGN DOMINATED BY NATIONALISTIC RHETORIC THAT WILL WIDEN THE RIFT BETWEEN

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SERBIA AND YUGOSLAVIA'S OTHER REPUBLICS. [REDACTED]